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Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication in WT Docket No. 12-268

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 5, 2013, Paula Maes, Susan Wrons, Mary Lynn Roper, Bill Anderson, Milt McConnell, Steve Rooney, Harry Harlin and Chuck Hammond, representing the New Mexico Broadcasters Association ("NMBA"), met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, and her Chief of Staff and Media Legal Advisor, Dave Grimaldi, and her Wireless, International and Public Safety Legal Advisor, Louis Peraertz.

NMBA discussed the importance of television translators in providing free over-the-air television services to a substantial number of rural communities, including Native American pueblos and Indian reservations, throughout New Mexico. Television translator service comprises a significant portion of the households served by Albuquerque television stations. NMBA urged that preservation of television translator service be considered in connection with the proposed repacking of the television spectrum in the above-referenced proceeding.

Because the television translator networks in New Mexico are configured in a "daisy chain," with one translator feeding the next, the displacement of any single television translator could leave wide areas unserved.

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Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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